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March 13, 2007

Western Uranium Corporation
c/o Ms Pamela Klessig
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Via email: pam@wedc.us

Re: Opportunity for Western Uranium Corporation to Address Comments Received
about the Thelon Basin Project Proposal

Dear Ms Pamela Klessig:

On February 1, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Western Uranium Corporation (WUC) Thelon Basin project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number, 07EN005.

As you know, NIRB invited interested Parties and municipalities most affected by the Thelon Basin project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by March 2, 2007. On February 19, 2007 the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GN-DOE) requested an extension to March 12, 2007 for submission of comments, and NIRB granted the GN-DOE and all Parties an extension to this date.

By March 12, 2007 NIRB received comments from the following interested Parties:

- Mr. Orin Durey of Baker Lake
- The Government of Nunavut Department of Environment
- The Government of Nunavut Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth
- The Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Environment Canada

All documents comments received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at:

ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/07EN005-Western_Uranium_Corporation/1-SCREENING/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/

Concerns regarding the project proposal were expressed by all interested Parties except for the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

The main concerns relate to:

- Project activities occurring in lands used by Beverly and Ahiak caribou herds for calving and post-calving
- Potential impacts to caribou from diamond drilling, geophysical mapping, unavoidable low-level flights, and aircraft activity in general
- Potential impacts to Schedule 3 and Pending Species at Risk as designated under the *Species at Risk Act*
- Discrepancies regarding proposed timeline for project activities
- Timing of project activities in relation to Territorial initiatives to conduct population surveys of the Beverly caribou herd
- Clarification regarding the WUC Caribou Monitoring and Response Plan, and the necessity of a rigorous wildlife monitoring plan with particular emphasis on caribou
- Potential impacts to humans and wildlife, including grizzly bears, wolverines, wolves, foxes, and raptor nesting areas from noise, human-carnivore interactions and general disruption
- Clarification regarding the Spill Contingency Plan
- Insufficient information contained within the Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- Potential for cumulative effects with other projects in the area
- Potential for impacts to air quality related to incineration of wastes
- Proximity of the project proposal to the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary, and recognition of the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan and the associated Special Management Areas
- Consultation requirements with the community of Baker Lake

NIRB is in receipt of your correspondence dated March 15, 2007 from Douglas R Bowden to Ms. Leslie Payette. Following receipt of this letter, if Western Uranium Corporation wishes to provide an additional response to NIRB, please do so by **March 16, 2007**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 867-983-4607 or cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

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